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VIA FACSIMILE

July 22, 1994

Congressman Jerry Costello
c/o Ms. Jodi Prindable
327 W. Main Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220

Dear Ms. Prindable:

This is in reference to what we had talked about over the phone yesterday. You had indicated that Congressman Jerry Costello had received a request on behalf of one of his constituents in Cahokia for information on property owners of Dead Creek.

As it exists today, Dead Creek is a low-lying area in Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois that receives stormwater from precipitation events. The creek had been formerly used by several industries and waste haulers in Sauget for the disposal of a wide variety of hazardous chemicals and wastes. Dead Creek begins just north of Queeny Avenue in an industrial area of Sauget and extends southward through residential portions of Cahokia.

Although the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has had a great deal of difficulty in determining all property owners of Dead Creek, it is apparent that the majority of Dead Creek is probably owned by Cahokia residents who own property abutting the creek. Since most of the investigatory work that IEPA has performed in Dead Creek is located between Queeny Avenue in Sauget and Judith Lane in Cahokia, IEPA is more familiar with properties in that portion of the creek.

Based on IEPA's research and the research of Monsanto Chemical Company (see attachment), the following parties have been tentatively identified as current property owners in Dead Creek between Queeny Avenue and Judith Lane:

Albert A. Lauman
Thomas Owen
Walter Allen
Rose Stillman

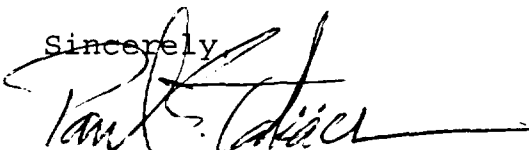
Ruan Transportation Corporation
Tony Lechner (Metro Construction Company)
Cerro Copper Products, Inc.
Wiese Engineering & Planning, Inc.
Emily Hankins (c/o Myrtle Hankins Estate)
Andrew Hankins
Moto-Gas, Inc.
Robert A. Clarkson

I must stress that many of these parties may very well be innocent landowners and that if legal action against any of them is being considered, I would urge an independent verification of all Dead Creek property owners by reviewing title information available in the St. Clair County courthouse.

The IEPA has had a significant involvement in investigating the nature and extent of contamination in Dead Creek and several associated hazardous waste sites in Sauget over the years. This involvement includes the installation of several monitoring wells and soil borings, surface soil/creek sediment sampling, and residential well/basement sampling. It is expected that Dead Creek and its associated sites in Sauget and Cahokia will be proposed to the National Priorities List (or "Superfund List") sometime late this year or early next year.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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Attachment - Monsanto Chemical Company Ownership History (Sauget Area 1 Sites)

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